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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph 4 on page 2 under "Description of Related Art" with the following revised paragraph:

Additionally, as it is known that information concerning certain component characteristics and insight, such as those of a memory module, is often available. For instance, information in an attribute memory can also be made available (e.g., SPD (Serial Presence Detect) information has been used heretofore; refer to PC SDRAM Serial Presence Detect (SPD) Specification, ~~home page retrieved on May 30, 2003, URL:~~ <http://www.intel.com/technology/memory/pc133sdram/spec/spdsd12b.htm>).